

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER It was a cloudy, rainy week with considerable fog over much of the State. It was cool at the beginning of the week and again on Sunday, but the weekly mean temperatures averaged from four to six degrees above normal. Daytime temperatures were generally in the 60s and 70s Tuesday through Saturday except for some 50s in the east on Thursday and Friday.

Precipitation fell somewhere in the State on nearly every day in the week and many localities received measurable amounts on several different days. Showers accounted for most of the precipitation but snow fell in the Panhandle and the North Central areas on Monday and again over the weekend.

Winter (October-March) precipitation was deficient over the entire State. The North Central Division had less than 40% of normal for that period while the Northeast, Central, Southwest and Panhandle ranged from 50% to 60%. The rest of the State had from 85%-95% of normal. Since April 1st increasing rainfall has been the rule with precipitation totals the first ten days reaching about three quarters of an inch in the Panhandle and Southwest and over an inch elsewhere.

CROPS Winter wheat and other fall sown small grains are showing some greening in most parts of the State. Wheat has begun growing along the southern border and a few operators in the southwest have been able to do some pasturing. Some loss of winter wheat from winterkill has become apparent as the plants start to grow. The wheat generally came through the winter in fair to good condition although there was considerable winter-kill within fields in the southeast.

Seed bed preparation and other field work finally got underway in parts of Nebraska. There was some stalk cutting, plowing and disking in the Panhandle and sections of central and southwest Nebraska. Sugar beet planting has begun in the Panhandle and southwest and early potato planting is underway in the central area along the Platte River. The soil is still too wet in the eastern third of the State to permit field operations. Only a very limited amount of the oats acreage has been seeded to date, while normally about 50 percent of the acreage has been planted by this time.

Cool season grasses are beginning to green and have made some growth in the extreme southeast. Soil moisture supplies are now generally adequate to give pasture grasses a good start but more precipitation will be needed for normal continued growth. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued at a relatively high level and it will be some time before pastures have made sufficient growth to allow grazing.

LIVESTOCK Calving has passed the mid-point in several areas. Lambing is nearing completion in the smaller flocks and is well underway in the larger flocks. Some sickness occurred among the younger animals during the wet weather last week and producers were kept busy caring for them. Feed lots in the east are still quite muddy and gains have slowed considerably.

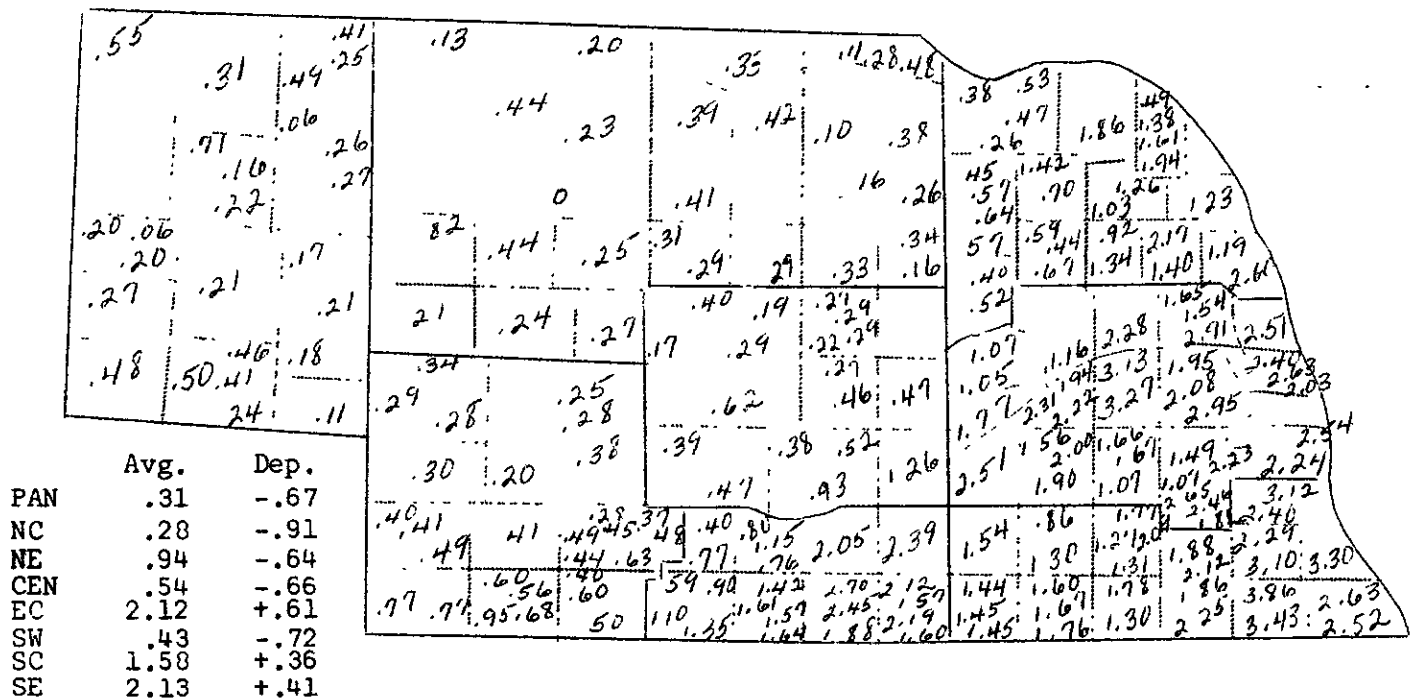
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1965

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	1.38	Burwell	.37	Chadron	.41
Lincoln	1.27	North Platte	.05	Imperial	.05
Norfolk	.31	Valentine	.13	Scottsbluff	.34
Omaha	1.24			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	1.32				

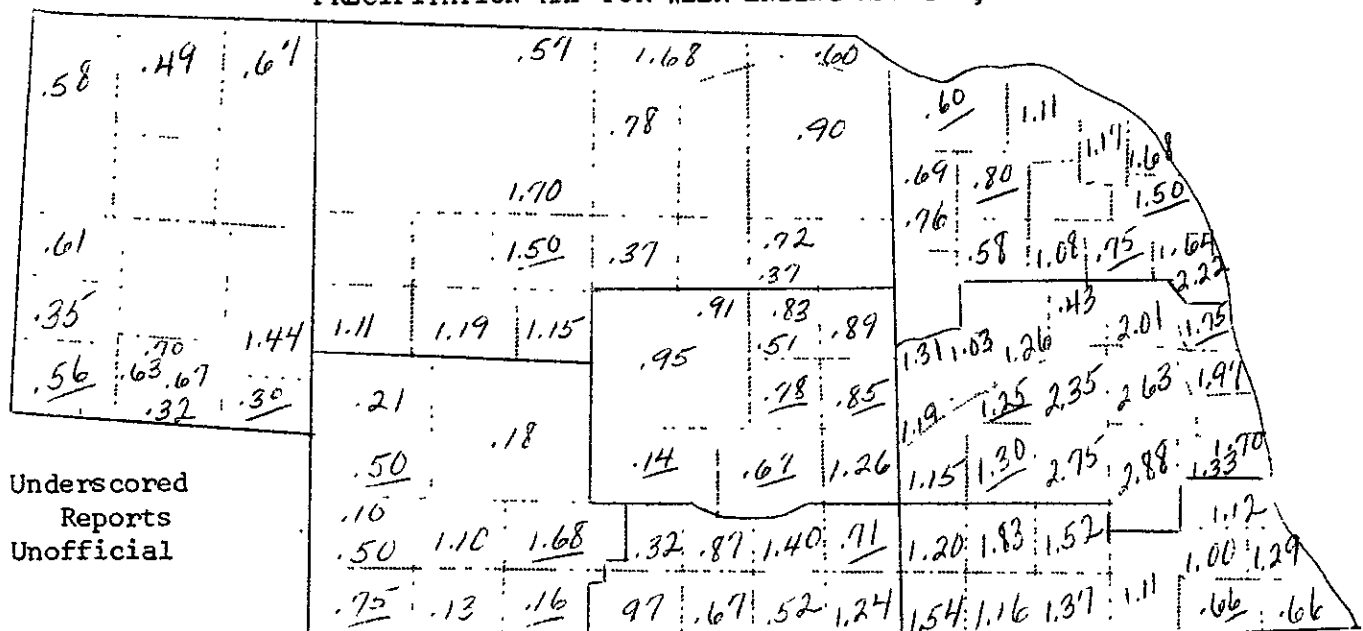
Precipitation, April 1 - April 9, 1965

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.67	1.11	1.16	.94	1.65	.52	.94	1.29
Total since April 1	.71	1.21	1.24	1.16	1.69	.77	1.09	1.39
Normal since April 1	.51	.54	.64	.54	.65	.51	.55	.66

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1965



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 1965



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		April		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	37	27	64	33	71	36	69	36	63	40	52	34	40	33		
	Scottsbluff	51	30	65	30	69	40	69	41	68	40	62	35	43	34		
	Sidney	53	30	63	34	65	39	67	43	74	36	60	29	45	30		
NC	Burwell	44	34	64	31	69	42	60	42	59	47	68	32	52			
	Valentine	42	33	60	31	73	42	62	42	63	46	66	34	40	34		
NE	Norfolk	44	38	59	33	69	47	50	40	53	49	72	36	57	38		
	Sioux City	45	42	56	31	71	46	52	40	54	49	77	35	60	39		
CEN	Grand Island	46	39	65	35	69	46	57	42	60	49	70	38	58	38		
EC	Lincoln	52	42	62	40	72	52	55	41	58	50	75	47	59	41		
	Omaha	50	39	58	38	70	48	51	39	55	48	74	47	57	39		
SW	Imperial	58	32	69	33	73	48	71	46	76	39	68	35	53	34		
	North Platte	50	32	66	36	71	47	71	45	67	41	67	30	49	36		

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